

Support organisation fact sheet

Who can be a support organisation?

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS)/Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS)
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO)
- Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Local health district (LHD)
- Non-government organisation (NGO)
- Primary health network (PHN)

Teams with strong links to local health services are more likely to have the support they need to run regular, sustainable activities – and keep these going for their community long after Challenge to Change ends. Note: organisations may be required to have a letter of support from a local health district or Aboriginal health service.

What is the role of the support organisation?

The role of the support organisation is to:

- support the team manager and team with their initiatives
- sign a contract with the NSW Ministry of Health
- register as a vendor with NSW Health and submit the first invoice for the team
- release funds for payment of services and activities provided for the team
- confirm the funds were spent as per the contract and submit the final invoice at the end of the program
- ensure that all staff delivering the Challenge have a current and valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) that complies with NSW WWCC regulations.

Can support organisations do more?

Yes, they play a key role in helping Challenge to Change teams stay strong and make a difference to their health. They can help teams plan, deliver, and grow their health programs.

“The local AMS provided free PT sessions, health checks, and information sessions.” – Team manager, Orange

Support can be in-kind, as part of a commitment to improve health outcomes, or costs can be covered through the Challenge to Change program.

“They allowed me to do all the fitness programs, room rental was free of charge, and they provided nursing staff to do screening.” – Team manager, Quirindi

What information is needed from the support organisation for the application?

- Name of the organisation.
- An active ABN (Australian Business Number).
- Contact person details including name, role, best contact number, and email.
- Street address and bank details for the organisation.

Further queries? Email the Challenge to Change team at MOH-challengetochange@health.nsw.gov.au

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